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to us and see if we really needed a building there, and if we'd want one. I don't know where you'd put it inside those city limits, I'll tell you that. I think we all agree with the work release program, but I think it's time that we all think very seriously about our economic policy. We hear almost every day about how much money we're spending and I think it would be just common logic to build one building instead of two at this time, and I see no harm in that because what's the matter, in another year or so, starting another if we need it. I believe too that as far as the economy is concerned that it would be much better to build one building that was ample to supplant and take the place of the other one on the reformatory grounds, if you don't do that, you've got them both. You've got the maintenance of both buildings and you've got the personnel to run them both if you don't build one big enough to take the place of the other one. I want to tell you, I've been out there and that building is a fire trap and ought to be torn down. So, let's build one and build it well and there is a speedy amendment that can be supplanted in the place of this and we could go ahead and build one at this time in the vein of economy that's being clamored throughout the state, "we ought to watch our money and not build too much capital improvement at this time," so I'm not for the override at this time but would certainly look sympathetic to building a second building at a later date.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, I think we're delaying construction of a new penitentiary. I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall debate cease? Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Luedtke, would you close please.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just a couple of items in closing. First of all, as to Senator Keyes questioning me about whether or not LB 417 originally called for one facility in Lincoln. My answer was yes, but I'd like to expand on that for the moment. LB 417 even as it was originally, did not preclude the building of a second facility in Omaha or anyplace else. The only thing LB 417 did and the only thing the Governor's agreement with the Judiciary Committee did was to say that we build the first unit in Lincoln. Senator Cavanaugh and those who have supported the compromise went along with that concept. The only thing that they said is, let's not be hypocritical about it, if we're going to have more than one, let's tell the people in the state of Nebraska, let's tell them we are going to build two, they're going to be small, they're going to be controlled much more efficiently and we're going to be dealing with human beings